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### **Firefighters Prepare to Graduate from State's Fire Training Academy**

State Fire Marshal Mary Corso announced that 34 firefighters were preparing to graduate from the Washington State Patrol Fire Training Academy. "I am pleased and proud of the dedication these men and women have demonstrated towards providing public safety services. They will no doubt make a difference in each of the communities they serve."

The Fire Training Academy Recruit School program is a ten-week course that satisfies all firefighter certification requirements and is designed to train students as entry-level firefighters. Students learn basic fire service principles through classroom instruction, written and practical examinations, and hand-on, live fire training. To successfully complete the program, students must pass all aspects of instruction and evaluation.

Thirty-five candidates started the Recruit Class 2004-01 on February 13th. On April 23rd, 34 of these candidates will graduate with accreditation and certification of Firefighter 1 and Hazardous Material Operations. This class is composed of 22 career and 12 volunteer firefighters, 31 males and 3 females, and a representation of 23 fire departments. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Fire Training Academy and start at 1 p.m.

The following fire departments and districts are represented in the upcoming graduating class:

Bothell Fire Department		Pierce County Fire District 15	(2)
Chelan County Fire Districts 6	(1)	Pierce County Fire District 22	(1)
Chelan County Fire District 7	(1)	Port Angeles Fire Department	(1)
Ellensburg Fire Department	(2)	Port of Portland	(1)
King County Fire District 2	(1)	Port Townsend Fire Department	(1)
King County Fire District 10	(1)	Snohomish Fire District 4	(2)
King County Fire District 24	(4)	Snohomish Fire District 7	(1)
King County Fire District 36	(3)	Snohomish Fire District 18	(1)
King County Fire District 45	(1)	Snohomish Fire District 22	(1)
Kitsap County Fire District 2	(1)	Snoqualmie Fire Department	(1)
Kitsap County Fire District 10	(3)	Sumner Fire Department	(1)
Kitsap County Fire District 18	(1)	Tukwila Fire Department	(1)



*The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information, you may visit our Web page at [www.wsp.wa.gov](http://www.wsp.wa.gov) and then click on "State Fire Marshal."*

For more information on **firefighter training**, please contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0400.

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